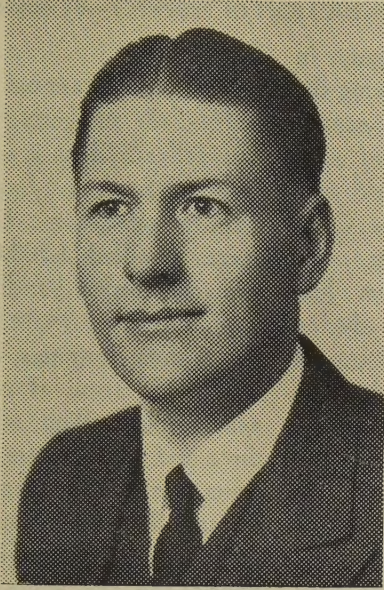


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## NOTHING AT ALL

*He made no mistakes, took no wrong road;  
He never fumbled the ball.  
He never went down 'neath the weight of  
a load—*

*He simply did nothing at all.*

*He lost no hard fight in defense of the  
right;  
Never bled with his back to the wall;  
He never fell faint in his climb to the  
light—*

*He simply did nothing at all.*

*So death came nigh, for life slipped by,  
And he feared for the Judgment Hall;  
When they asked him why, he said with a  
sigh,*

*"I simply did nothing at all."*

*Oh, God will pardon your blunder, my  
friend,  
Or regard with pity your fall;  
But the one big sell that surely means hell  
Is to simply do nothing at all.*

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# CURRENT SIGNS

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY—BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

As I sit here dictating this column in the beautiful Yosemite Valley, viewing the wonders of God's handiwork, I cannot help but think of what a glorious world this would be if the Creator had His way. And He will have His rightful way during that time when all things shall be conformed to His divine will and Satan and sin shall be removed. In the meantime we are



observing the havoc wrought by Satan and Sin, Greed, and Hate which have taken the lives of thousands, if not millions, of young men in the prime of life in this present European conflict; and the end is not yet.

It is the view of many prophetic students that this present war in Europe is merely a forerunner of the great battle of Armageddon. With all its modern blitzkrieg equipment, it has far surpassed in destruction and devastation anything seen in the last war, and it is a war of only a few weeks instead of years. It makes us shudder to think what will take place at the battle of Armageddon.

In the last war they had a few hundred planes. In this conflict the planes numbered thousands. But by the time Armageddon begins it may be possible that they will run into hundreds of thousands. In the last war the armies traveled by foot. This war it has been largely by means of motorized units, and it may be possible in the war of the future that most of the transportation will be carried on by plane.

Though the world faces and realizes these stark realities yet they are helpless to avoid them. The glorious appearing of Christ is the world's only hope, and when He shall come He shall cause all wars to cease and peace to reign for a thousand years. Thank God for the hope of Christ's soon coming. He will put an end to this chaotic period and restore the earth to the conditions that prevailed in the garden of Eden.

## Crime Bill

The nation's annual crime bill has reached the staggering sum of fifteen million dollars. This is equal to the amount spent for food, and four times the expenditure for education. Last year the police forces handled 1,500,000 serious crimes such as murder, banditry, aggravated assault, etc.; and 14,000,000 lesser offenses like frauds, forgeries, embezzlements, etc. The black army of crime now numbers nearly five million which is more than three and a half times the number of students in all universities and colleges in the United States. About four per cent of these are incarcerated in the penal institutions of the land, while the vast majority of the clever, fortunate criminals walk the streets, mingle in society, ride in good automobiles and seemingly live respectable lives.

## Startling Facts

The United States is the greatest liquor-producing, liquor-consuming country on earth. Since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment the nation's drink bill has reached the staggering total of some fifty billion dollars; and this vast sum has been used in "transforming American youth into Dillingers and in producing bumper crops of alcohol-damaged minds," which are said to constitute 30 per cent of admissions to psychopathic hospitals and institutions for the insane.

Tobacco, with its deadly nicotine content, is a bosom friend and ally of Alcohol. It stunts the growth of children and robs the intellect of its keen edge. One pound of tobacco contains enough poison to kill 3,800 dogs in ten minutes, yet the people of this country smoke more than a million cigarettes every passing minute.

Another champion wrecker of human lives is dope. According to Courtney Cooper: "Nearly every large city in the United States has one or two drug rings dominated by sly and inconspicuous overlords of crime, whose nefarious traffic in dope is sometimes unsuspected even by their friends and neighbors. These men take an estimated annual toll of fifty million lives."

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# The Present Challenge

By LELAND R. KEYS  
District Superintendent

*The first message of District Superintendent L. R. Keys was given in the camp-ground tabernacle Sunday morning, June 30, at the request of the District Council. He touched on some of the matters that of necessity are on the heart of the District Superintendent. Reported as nearly as possible verbatim. The Scripture was taken from Matt. 28:16-20 and Mark 16:15-20.)*

We are face to face today with a challenge. I want to speak to you on that present challenge.

First of all I shall speak on three requisites of the world at large.

In some places there is a very great religious feeling, particularly in certain totalitarian countries. Where the totalitarian view is embraced the state is supreme over the individual, and the seed of that political theory ultimately is the negation of religious liberty.

There is not only the anti-religious attitude, but we discover an indifference to spiritual matters. There are many times as many people outside of the influence of the church of Jesus Christ today as there are within its influence. We are not faced with a counterforce that is anti-religious, but we are faced with an indifference to the claims of Jesus Christ. By some, religion is made to be unimportant. It is a sign of the times. The days of Noah they were not without God's testimony, but they were indifferent to it. Jesus said, "As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son

of Man be." They were doing legitimate things but to the exclusion of spiritual concerns.

3. We are faced with an emasculated form of religion. Emasculated religion is a sign of the times. Paul said that "that day shall not come unless there be a falling away first." By some, our Lord is robbed of His deity; the Bible is robbed of its authority, and we are told that you and I can be saved by our own efforts—salvation by character rather than salvation by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Now there isn't much that you and I can do about any one of these three conditions found in the world at large.

II. But I want to talk to you about some conditions that we can do something about. I want to speak of some specific conditions within the church that we can control, at least to some extent.

1. In the first place we are faced with a loss of members from many of our churches. In some places there are more Pentecostal backsliders in the town than there are Pentecostal people within the Pentecostal churches. We have lost some of our members through their necessity of having to move away. Others have gone to be with the Lord. Some have left our fellowship to go into other fellowships or communions. It is absolutely unnecessary for anybody to leave our fellowship to go into any other fellowship. I shall say more about this later.

2. Let me speak now of some of the spiritual conditions that obtain in our midst.

I believe that there is a great lack of prayer among us as a Pentecostal people. Somehow or other we imagine that we are going to be carried along on the momentum of the revival that started thirty-five years ago; that we can get along through the year on the momentum of the camp meeting. The truth is, we can only succeed as Christians as we partake of Christ daily, and the best known means of doing so is through faithful daily communion with God through prayer.

There is among some of us a loss of our first love, and we are substituting works for the pure love of Jesus Christ. It is not a question of whether or not we are president of the Women's Missionary Council, or District Superintendent, or what office we hold, but the question is whether or not we love Jesus with all our heart. Then, too, some of us have lost our passion for souls. I believe that many of us are at ease in Zion while men go to perdition. The older I get the more it is impressed upon me that we pass this way but once and this is the only time we have to win men and women to Jesus Christ. One thing that characterized our movement from the beginning was the passion to win souls to Jesus Christ.

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## AMERICA . . . STILL THE LAND OF THE FREE

SO GREAT was the joy of Hermann Leopoldi, Viennese song writer and Austrian refugee, upon arriving in America that he prostrated himself and kissed the ground of his adopted land. He was now in America, and to him America was the land of the free—the only nation dedicated to personal and religious liberty.

Our forefathers who placed the stars in the American flag penned these glorious words found in the Congressional Act of June 14, 1777: "The Union shall be thirteen stars in a blue field representing a new constellation . . . symbolizing as previously stated, stars in the heavens . . . signalling to mankind the birth of the first nation on earth dedicated to personal and religious liberty; a sanc-

tuary to which men and women the world over, oppressed because of religious and other beliefs, might take refuge and enjoy Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

How thankful we should be for this great land of America! It is our heritage to enjoy Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. But what do we know of Life? To have life is to know God in the person of His Son. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have Life."

And Liberty. He says, "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Happiness! Can the pleasures of this life satisfy the soul? True happiness is found in Christ alone.

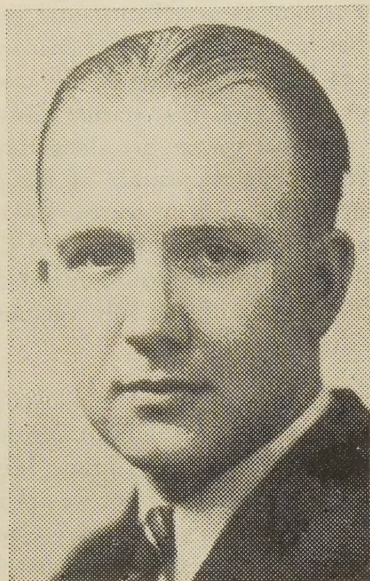
Life . . . Liberty . . . Happiness—all in Christ!



Introducing . . .

# Oakland Temple Church

On July 23, 1922 a small group of like-minded believers met in Oakland for the purpose of considering organization. As one of the early members wrote: "The beginning came because a few people had the conviction that the Bible is true and the



E. Wm. Anderson

divine Word of God, that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The vision was of a church where the Holy Spirit could freely work; of an opportunity to pray and praise and testify without being subjected to formalism and the will of man; of a chance to bring up our young people in an atmosphere of old-fashioned religion where their entertainment and pleasure would be to do the will of the Lord."

Everybody was welcome regardless of denomination, and the services were filled with the old-time religion. A public hall

was the first meeting place. Soon, however, the group removed to Aahmes Temple, then to Jenny Lind hall, and later to a hall in Piedmont. Again a move was made to a tent on Twenty-sixth street near Broadway, and finally the present building was obtained at 13th and Market streets, formerly the First Christian Church, erected in 1884.

For some time the group was known as the Temple Baptist Church, but on February 15, 1932 the church became affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God and the name Temple Church was adopted.



Goldie Anderson

Many faithful pastors served as shepherds, the first being Rev. T. R. Gale. He was succeeded by Dr. Charles E. Ross of New York who for thirteen years ministered to the church. Other succeeding pastors were: Paul H. Ralstin, P. E. Robertson, J. A. Pointer, Floyd McWhinney, M. B. Moore, and the present pastor, E. Wm. Anderson who was called to the pulpit of Temple Church in June, 1939.

From the ranks of Temple Church a number of young people have gone out into active gospel service. Among those who at the present are engaged in the work of the Lord in various fields of endeavor are: Kenneth Jillson, Irving Ford, Harold Lehmann, Ruth Sherman Ford, Baldwin Sherman, Cora Brown, Leah Brown, Her-

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## THE CHURCH AND THE FIFTH COLUMN

The fifth column is a term which is comparatively new to newspapers and a joy to their readers. It is not new, however, to the student of prophecy for the 24:10 declares that our time shall be characterized by many betraying one another.

It is reported that in the United States there are eight hundred or more Nazi Communist societies with reins on two million people. Without a doubt they are to be found at many important posts in the American structure.

A government preparing for defense against an outward enemy does well to begin to dispose of the one within. This may also be said of the Church. Christianity can easily survive a dark horizon, pestuous winds, and heavy seas; but it cannot afford to have holes bored in its walls from within. Enemies of the Church have accomplished but little of what they hoped because they attacked from within. Great harm is wrought by a devil-incarnate Judas of the inner group and by an Ananias or Sapphira whose lies Satan has engineered.

Persecution has never stopped the growth of the true Church. It has rather widened her effort and assured her success. When we recount the beheading of John the Baptist, the stoning of Stephen, the jailing of the Apostles, or the persecution at Jerusalem, we have from history the proof that the Church can grow in spite of enemies from without. Christ said, "Upon this rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The "fifth columnists" would try to remove the Rock by their tactics of modernism. They would steal our faith and bury our hope. A Church without "the Hope" is already certainly defeated.

Ours is a day of sabotage of pulpits and altars. The demoralizing effects of modernism and worldliness are evident. Sentinels of truth and holiness must be called for full time service. If we are to do anything it is to build a fortress more unsurmountable than a Siegfried or Mordor line. It must consist of a holy life in the church. From it must be hurled God's bombs which will be destructive to strongholds, and from it must be administered the oil of healing for the broken heart.

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Temple Church



# Spiritual Progress

By MYER PEARLMAN, at St. Helena, Calif., Camp Meeting

Scripture: Phil. 3:1-11.

In this country unconverted people who their temper generally tell their vic- to go to a certain place. But it is ent among the Tatars, a nomad tribe ntral Asia whose lives depend on mov- from one pasture to another. Among the most terrible curse is, "May you in one place forever." And I think s a curse the enemy would like to put us—to get us to stand still and cease vance in Christian life and experience. us then determine to make progress week to week, month to month, and to year.

Let us first consider:

**THINGS TO BE FORGOTTEN.**  
failures. What would you think of n shivering over last year's winter? sh, isn't it? And yet many people orry over past blunders and failures progress is paralyzed. Let us then as s possible learn the lesson from our es and then go on with God.

st attainments. Someone asked an , "What is your best picture?" His er was, "The next one." We should k God for what He has done for us e past, but we cannot live on past ings. What we have may be good but times God asks us to give up the good e sake of the better. May our atti- be, "Hats off to the past; coats off to uture."

st virtues. Solomon said it was a s "glory to pass over a transgression." ed is the man big enough to ignore ts and to forgive wrongs. Surely life o short and the Lord's work too urgent hindered by unloving attitudes. The er's command is that we forgive as we lves have been forgiven.

**THINGS TO BE EXPECTED.**  
ng circumstances. Paul said, "I have ed in whatsoever state I am therewith e content." Phil. 4:11. Paul says, "I e learned." That is encouraging, for ently there must have been a time a he, too, chafed and fretted under g circumstances. But after all it is circumstances that influence our char- , but our character influences our cir- stances. So much labor is wasted in

fretting over the inevitable when a quiet surrender to the will of God would bring peace. A Negro was once asked the secret of his unfailing cheerfulness. He replied, "Ahs learned de secret of cooperatin' wid de inevitable."

Trying people. "I said in my heart, all men are liars," cried the Psalmist. Ps. 116:11. Someone had let him down and he had become cynical, but evidently later he repented because he said that he had spoken in haste. One way we reveal our true character is by our attitude toward uncongenial people. And it is always a good thing to be sure it is the other fellow and not ourselves who is at fault. Our neighbor's linen will look soiled as we see it through our unwashed windows.

Your worst enemy. Who is he? You saw him in the looking glass this morning. He has caused you more trouble than any-one else you can blame. Trouble often comes as a result of doing right, but more often there is an invisible link between a person's heart condition and his circum- stances. How shall we get the victory over self? Yield to the Holy Spirit and let Him be your other Self. "I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me."

A shaky world. Screaming newspaper headlines these days make us feel as if we were in a rocking boat, and we are likely to suffer from spiritual seasickness in the form of weakness and depression of heart. As a remedy for spiritual seasickness, be sure to read the forty-sixth Psalm at least once a day.

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

*Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;*

*Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.*

*There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.*

*God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early.*

*The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: He uttered His voice, the earth melted. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.*

## NO OTHER WAY

*A missionary's passing words  
Stirred deep my heart one day;  
Such simple words, and very few:  
"They know no other way."*

*And yet what misery and despair,  
Of hope, no single ray  
Is held within those touching words:  
"They know no other way."*

*They come with sorrow-burdened  
hearts  
To kneel and weep and pray  
To idols in their gilded shrines—  
"They know no other way."*

*They seek for happiness and peace  
From gods of stone and clay  
Whose ears are deaf to all their  
cries—  
"They know no other way."*

*'Tis ours to share the marvelous light  
That shines on us today;  
To tell of Jesus and His love  
The true, the living Way.*

*Then haste to send the tidings glad,  
There's no time for delay;  
Forbid, O God, through our neglect  
They know no other way.*

—Selected.

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*Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations He hath made in the earth.*

*He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire.*

*Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.*

*The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.*

Let us take confidence in the fact that we can be "more than conquerors through Him who loved us." The path of spiritual progress may seem very rough at times but perseverance will take us through. Remember the old fable of the two frogs who fell in a pail of cream. One kicked for a little while and gave up the struggle. The other continued kicking until he had churned for himself a piece of butter, and stepping on this he got out of his difficulties. Let us be like that second little creature and keep on going on at any cost until Jesus comes.



# The Conscientious Objector

By ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

*Many are wondering what attitude should be taken by Pentecostal believers in the event war should come to this country. Our General Superintendent answers many questions on this subject in the following article condensed from The Pentecostal Evangel.*

The definition of the conscientious objector as given in the "Pacifist Handbook" is as follows:

"In the broader sense, a conscientious objector is any person, whether called to military service or not, who refuses, because of his firm convictions, to support his country in the conduct of a war, or to profit, directly or indirectly, from the war.

"This definition includes some who would not repudiate every war, and who believe there may be worse evils than war. They may be willing to fight or give other assistance if the nation is actually invaded, and some would help other peoples who are similarly attacked. But they reserve the right to decide in their own conscience whether the cause merits their support.

"To describe their objection as 'conscientious' is to say that their opposition is not based on either physical or intellectual indolence, or want of patriotism, or cowardice, or the desire to evade responsibility or danger."

This definition of a "conscientious objector" is rather flexible, and gives the individual considerable freedom in determining his course of action. The complete "pacifist," however, takes the position that war is wrong; therefore, under no circumstances ought one to do anything to further war. Some have declared that one ought not to engage in hospital work, reconstruction of destroyed property, or to work in a factory or elsewhere which is policed by men in military uniform.

The Assemblies of God may well be classified among the "conscientious objectors." It is doubtful that it could be classified among the unqualified "pacifists," since it is pledged to "assist the Government in time of war in every way morally possible." Its Article on military service which has been made a part of its Constitution and By-Laws reads as follows:

"While recognizing human government as of divine ordination, and affirming our unswerving loyalty to the Government of the United States, nevertheless we are con-

strained to define our position with reference to the taking of human life.

"We as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, believe in implicit obedience to the divine commands and precepts which instruct us to 'Follow peace with all men' (Heb. 12:14), 'Thou shalt not kill' (Ex. 20:13), 'Resist not evil' (Matt. 5:39), 'Love your enemies' (Matt. 5:44), etc. These and other scriptures have always been accepted and interpreted by our churches as prohibiting Christians from shedding blood or taking human life; therefore, we, as a body of Christians, while purposing to fulfill all the obligations of loyal citizenship, are nevertheless constrained to declare we cannot conscientiously participate in war and armed resistance which involves the actual destruction of human life, since this is contrary to our view of the clear teachings of the inspired Word of God which is the sole basis of our faith. At the same time the General Council hereby declares its unswerving loyalty to our Government and to its Chief Executive, and we purpose to assist the government in time of war in every way morally possible, consistent with our faith."

No man has authority to speak for the General Council of the Assemblies of God further than the General Council itself has spoken. Any additional advice must be regarded as from the individuals and not from the General Council. What is here written is for the purpose of helping our youth in their decision, should our nation be called to war, which we hope may never be, with a desire that it may assist them in forming clear convictions and seeking a course that would be in harmony with their conscience.

Some societies, such as the Church of the Brethren, feel it to be "not consistent with their historical position for members to accept any service within the ranks of the army, or to work under the Red Cross or the hospital service, if under military direction." A few have gone so far as to refuse to keep the camp clean where they were quartered because they were supervised by military men. Against such positions as those cited above let us think of the opportunities for helpful Christian

## DO YOU KNOW

- That many well-known hymns are taken from secular melodies: "Nearer My God to Thee," "At the Cross," "A Soldier of the Cross?" "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Stand Up for Jesus," "He Keeps Me Singing" and many others.

- That organists were originally called "organ-beaters"?

- That "Jesus Lover of My Soul" was not generally accepted by Methodists years after Charles Wesley's death?

- That "Work for the Night Is Coming" was written by an 18-year-old girl?

- That "My Jesus, I Love Thee" was written by a 16-year-old boy?

- That a surprising number of the most famous Christian songs were written by persons who were invalids, blind, or otherwise afflicted?

- That Christianity is the only religion which employs major music predominantly; other religions use minor music?

- That robed, hired choirs were used in the Old Testament worship?

—GOSPEL BROADCAST

service to be found by the conscientious objector. "There are lives to be saved, men in need of spiritual aid, with personal problems multiplied by the adjustments which war brings." "In World War ninety-nine conscientious objectors were allowed to take part in reconstruction work behind the lines in France. The Society of Friends of England and the United States organized the project which two hundred thirteen men and twenty-five women were engaged by the end of 1917. Hospitals were built and maintained and medical and dental service provided in regions laid waste by war and in sections to which the war refugees had gone." Other services benevolent in character were performed which we omit mentioning here.

While we hope our nation may not be drawn into war, should war come, a few suggestions for our young men who may be called would not be amiss.

When called upon to register, the conscientious objector ought to make it clear that he is opposed to military service.

If called the following sound advice is worth remembering: "The conscientious objector can still be human—display a pleasant appearance, cheerfulness, a sense of humor, a lack of bitterness toward those with whom he is in contact."

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# DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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## DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

The twenty-second annual District Council opened June 25 at 9:30 a. m. with singing. Superintendent R. J. Thurmond presiding. After prayer and reading of the Word, Brother Myer Pearlman, Bible teacher and writer from Springfield, Mo., was introduced to the Council session and gave a word of greeting. The report of the activities of the Acting Superintendent was read; also the Secretary-Treasurer's report was read, showing that finances were good for the year.

The co-related resolutions that the District Council be held at the Midwinter Convention, and that the camp meeting be held for only two weeks instead of three, were tabled indefinitely. The resolution giving each sub-district to nominate its own presbyter at a specially called meeting of ministers and delegates from the churches in that sub-district, to be ratified by the District Council, was passed.

A resolution to reset the sectional lines was necessary to include at least seven churches in a sub-district was adopted. The Modoc district was merged with the Shasta district; the Diablo district was merged with the West Bay district, and Livermore was now included in that district. Ceres was transferred from the South San Joaquin district to the North San Joaquin district.

A resolution was passed to continue the GLAD TIDINGS paper at its present size and ability, though it may need to be subsidized by the District because of its value in maintaining contact in and between all District activities.

After the action taken, it will now be necessary for those joining the Ministers' Benevolent Fund to pay \$2.00 as an admission fee, but after this year the 25c fee for office expense will not be charged. Those whose membership lapses because of failure to pay assessment at the death of a member will have to enter as a new member. No more than \$250.00 will be paid as beneficiaries of any member, that a re-

## BENEVOLENT FUND

Up to June 15, 281 have signed up on the Ministers' Benevolent Fund since the last call.

serve may be built up so that it will not always be necessary to make assessment at each death.

A sweet spirit prevailed throughout the balloting during Thursday's sessions. Its results were as follows:

District Superintendent—L. R. Keys.

District Secretary-Treasurer—R. J. Thurmond.

General Presbyters: J. Narver Gortner, R. J. Thurmond.

District Presbyters: Shasta District—R. J. Renfroe, North Sacramento District—R. T. Doherty, South Sacramento District—L. C. Persing, South San Joaquin District—T. E. Woods, North San Joaquin District—C. E. Persing, Coast Counties District—P. C. Tacker, Peninsula District—Max Freimark, East Bay District—Ruben Wilson, North Bay District—M. P. Bohnet, Lake and Mendocino District—R. E. Ray, Redwood District—George Frey, Nevada District—S. H. Robertson.

A vote of appreciation was given the Secretary-Treasurer for his labors in carrying both offices of Secretary-Treasurer and Acting Superintendent since the passing of Brother Thommen; and he was granted \$100 to provide for a vacation.

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Below: L. R. Keys and R. J. Thurmond



## CAMP MORTGAGE FUND

Receipts from May 16 to June 15, 1940, inclusive, are as follows:

Renfrow and Rogers, Turlock	\$12.50
Full Gospel Church, Berkeley	15.00
W. T. Scott, Live Oak	1.00
L. A. Dodson, Colusa	15.00
A. F. Gomes, Pittsburg	4.28
R. P. Murray, Waterford	5.00
Full Gospel Assembly, Lakeport	10.00
Irvin Hughes, Oakland	2.00
Rose N. Cunha, San Francisco	5.00
E. C. Lagmay, San Jose	5.00
C. G. Roberts, Los Banos	2.00
J. W. Carrick, Dunsmuir	15.00
Mrs. Emma Trumbley, Garibaldi, Ore.	5.00
Alta M. Fenton, Daly City	10.00
W. W. Baker, Ukiah	5.00
Pentecostal Tabernacle, Eureka	2.00
Full Gospel Church, Los Banos	5.00
S. H. Robertson, Reno, Nev.	3.25
Mariana S. Franco, San Francisco	15.00
H. D. Byram, Watsonville	2.50
Ralph Diller, Richmond	5.00
Lillian Metzger, Durham	5.00
Mrs. Wm. W. Hill, Camino	7.50
Ralph Ware, Seaside	1.00
Calyary Tabernacle, Stockton	30.00
Gospel Lighthouse Mission, Los Gatos	3.00
L. H. White, Oakland	1.25
Cash, Berkeley	5.00
E. A. and R. O. Curtis, Middletown	5.00
O. C. Howell, Watsonville	3.00
Eli Edwards, Eureka	15.00
Assembly of God, Redding	15.00
J. H. Walton, San Francisco	1.00
Wm. D. Swanson, San Francisco	2.00
W. S. Wheeler, Live Oak	10.00
R. T. Doherty, Redding	7.50
Pentecostal Tabernacle, Trinidad	15.00
E. J. Wicks, Paradise	4.00
Gordon Shannon, Soledad	2.00
Ben Reed, Garberville	5.00
R. C. Hoxworth, Placerville	2.25
M. Moody, Napa	15.00
Mrs. Fern Root, St. Helena	5.00
Pentecostal Tabernacle, Madera	15.00
F. W. Thomas, Happy Camp	1.50
Pentecostal Church, Seaside	2.00
T. S. Gapen, Concord	5.00
R. T. Williams, Marysville	10.00
Clyde Billings, Westwood	15.00
Mrs. L. Neasham, Somes Bar	5.00
Chas. Custock, Vallejo	5.00
	\$382.53
District Account Advance	600.00
	\$982.53
Previously reported, less \$7.50 correction	2,629.50
Total to date	\$3,612.03

## DISTRICT CHANGES

The following changes have taken place in the District since May 15:

### TRANSFER INTO DISTRICT:

John H. Kennedy (Licensed) from Southern California District.

### TRANSFER OUT OF DISTRICT:

A. E. Pickthorn (Ordained) to Tennessee District.



# News FROM HERE AND THERE

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter

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Sacramento, Calif.

Evangelist June Garrard spoke at three services in Hollister on June 10. In the morning service the glory of the Lord prevailed and much was accomplished by the Spirit of the Living God. At the close of the young people's meeting several backsliders sought the Lord.

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Brother and Sister W. R. Lamb write that the Lord has opened doors for them in the East, and they are now in a campaign in Green Bay, Wisconsin. They regret their inability to attend District Council, but send greetings to their many friends. Evangeline Mary Radley, daughter of former missionary Clarence Radley who gave his life for the gospel, is traveling with Brother and Sister Lamb.

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God has been working in San Leandro is the report of Brother and Sister Fred L. Prewitt. A three weeks' revival was held recently by Brother and Sister Richard Maloney in which some were saved and the assembly greatly edified. The Sunday School attendance has been around 35.

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Brother C. F. Rowe has resigned as pastor at McCann and has accepted the church at St. Helens, Oregon.

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Evangelist William D. Swanson closed a successful campaign in Coquille, Oregon, with Pastor R. D. E. Smith. Twelve were saved and several received the baptism of the Spirit. Brother Swanson is now in a meeting in Olympia, Wash., and reports that the attendance and interest has been very good.

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The interior of the Upper Room Pentecostal Mission in San Jose has been entirely remodeled, and the building will be reopened Sunday, July 7. The Twentieth Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Max Freimark and the Home Coming will be held there July 19 to 28. A full program has been arranged. Many old friends are expected to be present, and everyone is invited to the celebration.

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Evangelist Monnie Hummel held a week's campaign at the First Pentecostal Church of Oakland recently.

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Modesto Bethel Temple was the scene of a fellowship meeting held June 3 with Pastor D. G. Weston. Pastor R. P. Murray of Waterford and Pastor E. O. Robeck of Stockton were the afternoon speakers, and in the evening Pastor Joe Stark of Atwater brought the message.

## SCHEDULE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

July 15—Turlock.

22—Santa Cruz.

29—Fruitland, Rohnerville,  
North Sacramento District.

30—Yreka.

Aug. 5—Portola, Willits, Oakdale.

The Peninsula District fellowship meeting was held in Palo Alto June 10 with Pastor R. H. Moon. Evangelist William Ward was the afternoon speaker, and L. R. Keys spoke in the evening.

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A good fellowship meeting was enjoyed at Boonville, June 3, with Pastor L. Wilson of Lakeport speaking in the afternoon and Brother Wise of Covelo bringing the evening message to a fine congregation. Brother Glenn Akers is pastor.

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Pastor John Kennedy of Antioch reports that the two weeks' campaign held by Evangelist Genevieve Booth-Clibborn recently was very successful. One Saturday evening a group of twenty-five young people of the First Baptist Church of Alameda were guests at the service and sang. Evangelist Lillian Powell began a campaign at Antioch on June 2.

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On June 1 the Mount Diablo District churches had a joint Sunday School picnic at Pittsburg Park. There were approximately 150 in attendance, and the enjoyable time was brought to a close by Brother G. A. Fletcher bringing a few words of exhortation from the Scriptures.

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The Dunsmuir Sunday School is enjoying the highest consistent attendance it has had for seven years is the report of Pastor R. J. Renfro.

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Bethel Temple of Modesto where Donald G. Weston is pastor, has been stuccoed recently which adds greatly to the appearance of the church.

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The new church building at Santa Rosa is under construction, so reports Pastor M. P. Bohnet. The new church will be located at the corner of Davis and Earl streets.

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Evangelist and Mrs. F. A. Sturgeon are holding a tent campaign in Selma.

Evangelist Paul Pipkin will hold a revival campaign in Riverbank from July 7 to 21. Pastor Kenneth Jillson.

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The new church building which has been secured for services in Wheatland by Pastor H. Luce of Lincoln, has been filled nightly by hungry folk to hear the gospel messages brought by Evangelist Claude O. Wood. The campaign was scheduled to close on June 15 but the attendance and interest was so good that the meetings continued another week.

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Pastor Robert Cull reports they are completing their first year at Trinidad, and in reviewing the blessings God has given they find a spiritual growth in the assembly in every line. Their average attendance has been at the mark, and the Sunday School has averaged with a high record of 86. The business meetings have been singularly blessed with harmony and a spirit of cooperation. The young people are growing in efficiency and in the knowledge of the Bible. The group, though not large, are real workers and a blessing to the church. In January they started an outstation work at Dow's Prairie school house where three have been saved.

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Evangelist Kenneth Goode recently held a campaign in Tenth Street Mission in Oakland where H. J. Ketner is pastor.

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Brother and Sister H. E. Alford of Turlock report that the revival spirit continues in the midst. Two were baptized in the Holy Spirit on June 2, making a total of 24 who have received the Spirit within the past few months, and 18 have been saved, and 32 have followed the Lord in water baptism. A junior C.A. class of about 25 meets Sunday evenings at 7 o'clock for Bible study, and the Lord has been graciously blessing this group of young people.

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Evangelist and Mrs. C. A. Rick held a three weeks' campaign for Pastor Albert Gomes at Pittsburg just prior to camp meeting.

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Brother E. E. Zimmerman of Winters reports that he has been conducting a Sunday school in a migratory camp with approximately 50 children attending. Also services are held at Madison where the attendance has been about 12. Recently Sister Nettie Clark of Alameda supplied for Pastor Zimmerman, and one soul was saved.



Dorothy Wedel is pastoring in Horse Shoe and, Idaho.

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The new assembly at Burlingame which is stored by Ray and Grace Davis is coming along splendidly. New people are attending the services and a real interest is being manifested. Presently 40 were present on a Sunday night.

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A campaign held by Evangelist Edwin Holmes and Thomas Jackson in Stirling City is blessed of the Lord in a very special way, the report of Pastor Albert Rowley. The crowds were very good every night, and people who had never been to the church before attended the meetings.

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A good campaign was held by Evangelist and Mrs. O. L. Foth for Pastor Otis H. Green in Burn recently.

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The Sunday School is larger than at any time heretofore at Westwood is the report of Pastor Clyde Billings. Also the regular attendance at the services has shown a marked increase.

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Evangelist Dwight Brown began a campaign with Pastor Fred Reichert of Salinas on June 5.

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Recently Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Perry held a campaign for Pastor Leslie Crosson at the Sixth Street Mission in Sacramento, and it was blessed in a very special way along healing services. One man was definitely healed of an injured back, and one lady was healed of a cancer. Several were saved, and a real work was done for God during the campaign.

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Brother and Sister D. L. Brown report that a new church at Burney will soon be completed, and they are anticipating establishing a good work in that community where there is no other church.

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Forty have been baptized in water since the start of the year is the report of Pastor T. B. Carlos of Petaluma.

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Evangelist Bernice Mast held a two weeks' evangelistic meeting in Willows which proved to be a blessing to all, so reports Pastor Vernon Klemm. Two young people knelt at the altar for salvation. On the last Sunday of the special meetings a decision day was held and many of the boys and girls came to the altar and accepted Christ as their Saviour. Junior church was held in the afternoon after school, and in addition the Sunday School teachers have given helpful instructions prior to each morning service.

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Pastor T. E. Woods writes: "We are praising the Lord for the good fellowship meeting held here recently. Some were saved, some reclaimed, and the whole church sounded like many bells." Brother Woods also reports that the Sunday School attendance has been running over the 200 mark.

## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Sister Annabel Keys is the new director of the Women's Missionary Council work due to the election of Brother L. R. Keys as district superintendent. On Thursday morning, June 27, she was introduced and spoke on the scripture, "Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord." Sister Keys requested that Sister R. J. Thurmond continue in the capacity of director throughout the remainder of this camp meeting.

The ladies plan to put the money taken in offerings at their meetings to a good end. They plan to help toward the furnishing of the missionary parsonage at Happy Camp which is now being built, and in other ways as possible.

The W.M.C. do not want to be a prop to the home missionaries and workers but want to "hold up their hands" as Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses when the Israelites won the victory over the Amalekites, for they are truly fighting a good warfare of faith.

A plan is being worked out by a committee to find out the requirements and needs of the field and facilitate distribution. During the last week of camp meeting one service will be given over to the presentation and discussion of this plan, and letters explaining it will be sent out to all the pastors to hand to the leaders of their women's societies.—MRS. R. J. THURMOND, *Assistant Director*.

Brother Harry Oeth is starting a work in Tranquility. Cottage prayer meetings are being held with the view of later branching out into larger services.

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Pastor E. R. Gomes of Susanville writes: "This spring our Sunday School has held a very good and steady attendance. For the past fourteen weeks the average attendance has been 109, and here babies are not counted in. Along with the steady attendance, and best of all, we have sensed the sweet presence of the Lord in each class during the Sunday School session."

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Brother G. A. Fletcher recently assisted in the tent meeting at Salida.

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Evangelist Vernon Murray held a campaign in Oakdale prior to camp meeting.

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Sister LaVera Stevens, faculty member of G.T.B.I. and the Safety Harbor Quartet from the Institute have been kept busy for the Lord during the past few months, holding services in

## WHY I AM A TITHER

1. BECAUSE tithing puts God first in my budget and brings me real happiness in money matters. By setting aside at least a tenth of my income to the cause of Christ I begin to keep books with God, budgeting and systematizing the part that remains as well as the proportion that is set aside for God's use.

2. BECAUSE tithing is a fundamental principle having its origin in the mind and will of God. It is not casual but causal, and every neglect of this principle retards Christian growth. Tithing is not a legalistic whip to drive me to pledge money, but a great Christian principle to lead me to grow in grace.

3. BECAUSE tithing helps me to avoid covetousness which has been designated "The sin we're afraid to mention." It walks with its head up today. If I put God first in my money matters, setting aside at least a tenth, it makes it easier for me to conduct my daily business on principles of honesty, integrity, industry and the Golden Rule.

4. BECAUSE of what tithing does to me in developing Christian character and loyalty to Christ and His church. Budgets, and programs, and goals, and standards and organizations are secondary. My primary reason for tithing is my own spiritual need. Therefore, I serve God with mammon instead of trying to serve God and mammon.

5. BECAUSE it releases my spiritual resources for Christ's use in kingdom extension. Pentecost is always just around the corner for me. But the coming of Pentecost with my life and through my life awaits my unblocking the channel. Unconsecrated money blocks God from using my life.

6. BECAUSE tithing releases money for kingdom purposes. It makes my production of money a part of God's plan and my daily occupation is elevated to a holy service. This principle establishes Christian equality among all church members regardless of degree of wealth.

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various churches throughout the District. The members of the quartet are: Gene Smith, Mary Robinson, Opal Leshner, Gottlieb Rosin. Besides their singing, they have given special numbers on the electric, Spanish, and Hawaiian guitars. Several young people's meetings were held before the evening services in some of the churches, at which time members of the quartet brought the message. At other times Sister Stevens preached.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL News

# OUR CORNER

## "FULL SPEED AHEAD"

Sometime ago an ocean steamer was afraid to pursue its course because of a dense darkness that settled down upon it. While the captain knew his location yet he hesitated to go ahead for fear he would strike another ship in the dense fog. So they sent out the SOS call which was picked up by the nearest coast guard station. The station experts examined the charts and found that the weather was clear over that part of the ocean where the ship was lost. Then they wired back to the ship: "You are lost in your own fog; full speed ahead."

An examination of the ship was then made, and it was found that the smoke from the ship had settled down over it in such a way as to almost hide the ship in a dense cloud. The crew had neglected looking after the furnaces, and instead of the smoke going out at the smokestacks and blowing away, it was mixing with the heavy atmosphere and smothering the ship. The ship's trouble was with itself.

Now a life may be like that. It is easy for one to neglect something in his life and get lost in his own fog and never reach his intended goal.

Sunday School teacher, full speed ahead! Progress for our Sunday Schools and individual classes must begin with us. Remember, we can only give out that which we already have. We can only sell that which we are sold on. Teachers, we are leaders. First we must ask God to make His plan workable in our own lives before we can ask for it to work in the lives of those of our classes. You see, we only teach a little by what we say, more by what we do, but most of all by what we are.

Check up. As a teacher what should my qualities be?

1. A love for God—the sacrificing kind.
2. A love for the individuals of my class—the "second mile" kind.
3. Willingness—the willing-to-be-willing kind.
4. A life above reproach.
5. Patience—the kind wrought in the furnace of tribulation if necessary.
6. A teachable spirit.
7. Faithfulness—to God and souls.

## 1940 S. S. GOAL

The suggested 1940 goal for the State of California as given by the Sunday School Department of the Gospel Publishing House of Springfield, Mo.:

All pastors, evangelists, and superintendents promoting Sunday Schools.

20 per cent increase in Sunday School enrollment; 28,476 pupils in 1939; goal for 1940, 34,171 pupils.

93 new Sunday Schools (13 first class).

85 Schools with training classes.

68 Schools with Vacation Bible Schools.

At least 326 of the 339 Schools reporting.

A Sunday School rally in each section of the State.

## SUGGESTIONS

Watch forthcoming issues of the PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL for articles entitled, "What to Do in August for Sunday Schools," "What to Do in September for Sunday Schools," etc. The use of suggestions containing in these articles can add many new members to your school.

## LITTLE SHIPS

*Stories are written and songs are sung  
Of the rescue of ships on the seas  
That life has wrecked and sin has marred—  
And how we pray for these!*

*But let us remember the little barks  
Atoss on the treacherous seas,  
Whom sin has not touched and life has not  
reached,  
Oh, let us pray hard for these*

*That safe to the harbor at last they come,  
Bringing fruits of a well-spent life  
To Him who is able to save and to keep,  
Who gave them eternal life.*

*We sing and we shout when a sin-stained bark  
In the harbor of joy and peace  
Finds rest at last in His wonderful love—  
How we praise God for these!*

*But much more should we pray that the little  
ships  
With trim white sails held high,  
May sail right through with never a fall,  
His Name to glorify.*

—GRACE QUIST

## DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS . . .

This surely is a busy time! Schools are closing for the summer, and some of the boys and girls are graduating. Now that happens to be you: special congratulations to you! Last night we attended graduation at a little country grammar school. The boys and girls had successfully completed the course of study assigned them by the State, and because they did they received a diploma all tied up with pretty red and white ribbons. How proud they were to receive those diplomas. They had worked hard for them, and we were so glad for them.

You know, boys and girls, that reminds me of another graduation, a great graduation that is yet to take place—we don't know just when. Our wonderful Teacher will look over our records to see if we have been faithful and have done our work well, if we have learned life's lessons and have a good mark in deportment, and more of all to see if our hearts are clean and white in His Blood. Then if all is well and we are real overcomers, we will receive our diplomas. Do you know what Jesus will say when we graduate from earth to heaven? Can you guess how our diploma will read? You may find out by reading Matthew 25:21.

YOUR SISTER MAST.

## SOMETHING TO DO

Here are some more pills for your Gospel Pill Box. (Instructions for making the box and pills may be found in the May issue of GLAD TIDINGS.)

These pills are for the eyes. You know some Christians are nearsighted; they cannot see anyone else but themselves. Others are farsighted; they are always looking off for tomorrow—tomorrow they will do something for the Lord and others—tomorrow they will be the right kind of a Christian, etc. Then there are some that keep their eyes on some person instead of the Lord and finally fall into sin because that person fell into sin. Some are blind, spiritually blind, and need a good gospel pill. So here they are: Psalms 146:8, Luke 4:18, Proverbs 4:25-27, Hebrews 12:2, Philippians 3:20, John 12:21, 1 John 3:2, Philippians 3:24.



# THE HOME MISSIONARY OUTLOOK

## NEW TABERNACLE IN NEVADA

On February 22 the Home Missions Committee met at Stockton, and it was decided to have Brother E. O. Robeck build portable tabernacle 24x40 feet and to get ready as soon as possible and put it out in some needy field. After construction the Home Missions Committee decided that the tabernacle would be taken to Winnemucca, Nevada, and put up there for the next meeting in it.

The committee composed of C. E. Pering, chairman; J. W. Belchar, E. O. Robeck, Wm. Savidge left with Acting Superintendent R. J. Thurmond on May 20 and stopped over night in Reno and went on from there with Brother S. H. Robertson, also a member of the committee. There the group met Brother C. V. Hummel, and as soon as a suitable location was found all were busy getting the portable tabernacle out of the freight car at the depot. While Brother Robertson and Brother Thurmond went on to Elko, Nevada, for the evening service and dedication of the new Sunday School addition where Brother Bernard Sewell is pastor, the other members of the committee worked on the tabernacle; and the following evening the public was amazed to see a lovely white building with windows and doors in it, trimmed in green, standing where once was only a vacant lot. Brother and Sister C. V. Hummel and daughter, Rosemary, were left in charge of

## FROM THE FIELD

Brother and Sister L. E. Neasham of SOMES BAR report a steady increase in the Sunday School, with 32 present recently. Also neighboring communities are asking for services. An Indian couple who had not believed before came for prayer for healing and were touched in their bodies, and are now attending the meetings.

Two adults were saved the first night of the revival recently held by Brother Ralph Price at MONTE VISTA (near Sunnyvale) where Brother Arthur Lindvall has opened a new work. Brother Lindvall also reports that a number of children found the Lord during the special campaign.

Sisters Cora Brown and Bernice Schliecker write from LOVELOCK, NEVADA: "Our attendance has not been especially large lately but several new folk have come, for which we praise God."

the work, and immediately nightly evangelistic meetings were under way. But not only were services held in the tabernacle but the workers combed the entire community, visiting each home and personally advertising the meetings. Street meetings have been held, with good interest and response and approximately 100 listening. Brother and Sister Hummel are encouraged by the prospects of the work in Winnemucca, and are believing that a good assembly will be established in that city as a result of these endeavors.

Brother R. C. Hoxworth who has been pastoring at CENTRAL VALLEY, has left due to ill health.

The Shasta District fellowship meeting was held at CLEAR CREEK on May 21 with Pastor George M. Kasparian. The attendance at the three services was very good. The morning message was brought by Pastor C. R. Peterson of Yreka; in the afternoon Brother Severson of Weitchpec spoke; and Pastor Byron League of Weed preached at the evening service.

The work on the new log parsonage continues at HAPPY CAMP, is the report of Brother Floyd W. Thomas. He also reports that one girl has been healed of tonsillitis, and two souls were saved during the past month.

Another letter comes from Brother and Sister A. L. Calame of Wrangell, ALASKA, who write that the services continue with perhaps a little more of an uplift than before. The Sunday School is doing well, but there are yet two out of three children in that section who are not receiving Christian teaching. A problem confronts them relative to securing teachers, and they request prayer along this line.

While Sister Bernice Strickland is resting in the homeland her mother and sister are carrying on the work in Hilo, HAWAII. In their monthly letter they write that the boys at the prison camp are continuing to show more interest. Also despite the fact that other Sunday Schools are closing down for the summer, yet the good work at Hilo will continue on throughout these coming months.

The work at SUMMIT CITY is going ahead under the leadership of Brother C. J. Fuller. Repairs are being made on the building, and lights are being installed in order that evening services may be held. The Sunday School continues with about 40 in attendance, and the morning meetings are proving a blessing to all.



Left—Home Missions Committee working on tabernacle.



Below (left)—Completed tabernacle.



Sister Hummel and a group of young people.



# CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

PAUL E. RADLEY ..... President  
HAROLD LEHMAN ..... Vice President  
C. CLIFFORD CATLEDGE ..... Secretary

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"Only be thou strong and very courageous." (Josh. 1:7).

Strenuous times call for men of great courage and great strength. Such are the days in which we are now living. With the powers of darkness raging and the world reeling from the impact of war, it is a time when those who know the Lord as their helper need to labor more earnestly than ever before to win souls for the kingdom of God. While the hearts of many are failing them for fear, let us move forward in the name of the Lord. No matter how the enemy may oppose, we have a Captain that has never lost a battle. Let us give our best to Him and serve Him with all our hearts. Even as generals of the world call for the best and strongest, so in this battle against sin we need to give God our best.

It was our happy privilege to attend a special C.A. rally in Eureka this month. It was indeed refreshing to see how the young people of that section responded and how they seemed to enjoy the service. They do not have the opportunity that the young people in the larger centers of population have to attend rallies very often. We had a very inspiring service and enjoyed the many special musical numbers the C.A.s of that section gave. It was a blessing to my heart to be able to speak to them. May God richly bless the C.A.s of the Redwood District. I also had the opportunity of speaking at a special rally at Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco.

By the time you get this letter camp meeting will be in progress, and I trust that many of the young people will be able to attend often, and especially we are looking for you for the last week. Don't forget the nightly twilight services for the C.A.s. Come and enjoy these times with us. Remember the dates for the C.A. convention: July 13 and 14. We will be looking for you.—PAUL E. RADLEY.

## MOUNT DIABLO DISTRICT —

The section is now having the C.A. rallies the last Monday of each month. The last rally was held at Port Chicago, and Daisy Torta Kennedy was the speaker of the evening.

## THE SALVATION OF THE YOUTH

The following statistics show us the importance of winning souls in their youth:

Nineteen out of every twenty who ever get saved do so before they reach the age of twenty-five.

After 25, only 1 in 10,000.

After 35, only 1 in 50,000.

After 45, only 1 in 200,000.

After 55, only 1 in 300,000.

After 65, only 1 in 500,000.

After 75, only 1 in 700,000.

Dr. Wilbur Chapman tested a meeting where 4,500 were present. The result was:

400 were saved before ten years of age.

600 were saved between twelve and fourteen.

600 were saved between fourteen and sixteen.

## TITHING

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7. BECAUSE tithing makes me a partner with God in getting, saving, spending, giving and accounting. It elevates my talents, time, opportunities, business privileges; keeps me from selfish hoarding and by sharing the thing I am most tempted to covet, I am enabled to fulfill life's real purpose. I believe that God owns all of my life, time, personality, powers and possessions; that I owe all to Him; that if I honor God by a definite proportion of all He gives me, God is pleased to take me in as a partner. It is only thus that I can achieve my real mission of working, worshiping, witnessing and giving. Where my treasure and thought and time and interest is, there will my heart be. I must seek first the kingdom.

MARVIN L. SMITH,

Alabama District Superintendent.

REDWOOD DISTRICT—A special rally was held recently in Eureka with C.A. President Paul Radley bringing the message.—W. D. YOUNG, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

PENINSULA DISTRICT—An inspiring rally was held by the young people in the Highway Gospel Tabernacle, Sunnysvale, Monday, May 27. The Lord was with us in a wonderful way and especially anointed Sister L. R. Keys of G.T.B.I. as she brought the evening message. Lorraine Johnson, Bob Thomas, Gaylord Atwell, and others took an active part in the service. Pearl Troia is sectional chairman.—AILEEN DRENT, *Reporter*.

## STUDIES IN REVELATION

By J. NARVER GORTNER

(Continued from last issue)

## STUDY XIII

### THE SEVEN-SEALED BOOK

Provision was made under the law whereby a kinsman might redeem a lost inheritance (Lev. 25:23-34). We have an illustration of it in Ruth 4:1-11. In order that man's forfeited inheritance might be redeemed it was necessary that a Kinsman-Redeemer be provided. This was one of the outstanding reasons why God sent His Son into the world in the form of a man. The Deity became a partaker of man's nature in order that the redemption of the forfeited inheritance might be legally accomplished. And redemption is by blood and by power. Israel was thus redeemed out of Egypt. And all redemption, in the plan of God, is by this two-fold means. Our Lord shed His blood when He was here in the flesh at the time of His first advent. He will exert His power when He shall come at His second advent.

### Chapter 6. The First Six Seals

The careful student will readily observe that the first six seals of the seven-sealed book are very clearly separated from the seventh seal, and that what takes place under the seventh seal is recorded in much greater detail than is that which takes place under the first six seals. Some would have us believe that the first six seals will occupy the first half of Daniel's seventieth week, and that the seventh seal will be broken at the middle of the week, the seven trumpet judgments and the seven vials following the breaking of the seventh seal and including within their range the last half of that seven year period which we commonly speak of as the tribulation, the last half being the great tribulation. This, in my opinion, is wrong.

In order that we may properly understand Revelation it is important that we see that what we have under the breaking of the first six seals is a summary, an epitome, a brief outline, of all that is to take place during the tribulation, and that under the breaking of the seventh seal we are given in greater detail what under the first six seals we simply have a summary or outline of. The seventh seal includes the seven trumpets, and the seventh trumpet includes the seven vials or seven bowls. The sixth seal therefore leads us up to the time of the end; the same thing is true of the



enth seal, and of the seventh trumpet, and of the seventh vial. The very next step on the divine program is the manifestation of the Son of God, the second stage of the second advent, commonly spoken of as the revelation, the first stage being the rapture which is scheduled to take place before the tribulation.

Until I was able to get this understanding of Revelation it was impossible for me to understand the book; the book was very largely an enigma, a Chinese puzzle. This interpretation does not harmonize with that of many interpreters of the book, but the careful student will see as we proceed that the acceptance of it makes clear what otherwise is difficult or impossible to understand.

### *I. The First Seal*

Verses 1, 2. Antichrist. He will be in power at the very beginning of the week. He Thessalonian Christians to whom Paul addressed his Second Epistle believed that they were already in the tribulation, and Paul besought them to "be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor word, nor by letter as from us,"—evidently a letter Paul had not written but that purported to have come from Paul had been received by these Thessalonians—"as if the day of Christ is at hand," or, is now present, or hath come. 2 Thess. 2:1. The word rendered "is at hand" is *enesteken* and it means "is now present" or "hath come." Mark the verses that follow. Paul makes it clear that as long as the revelation of the "man of sin" has not taken place it is evident that the tribulation is not begun. The revelation of the "man of sin," or, the Antichrist, will mark the beginning of the tribulation period.

Many interpreters of Revelation have believed that the White Horse Rider that we read of under the breaking of the first seal should be identified as Christ, and they have so identified him. But what we have here is not the beginning of Gospel conquests; what we have here is the beginning of divine judgments. When Dr. James H. Gray wrote his "Synthetic Studies" he identified this Rider on the White Horse as Christ, but at a later date, after he had more thoroughly studied the subject, he wrote his "Christian Workers' Commentary," and in that he says, "The author now considers it more consistent to identify him with the 'man of sin,' and at that particular period of his career when, at the

beginning of Daniel's seventieth week (Dan. 9:24), he takes the power into his hands as the head of the federated nations of the Roman Empire."

The Greek words *kai blepe* rendered "and see," not only here, but in verses 3, 5, 7, are not found in some of the best manuscripts and it is believed had no place in the original text, and are consequently omitted in both the R. V. and the A. R. V. The word that is rendered "come" is thirteen times rendered "go" in the A. V., and Bullinger believes it should be so rendered here. But whether rendered "come" or "go" the meaning is the same. Antichrist cannot go "forth conquering and to conquer"; neither can he come as the "man of sin" until permission is given. And such permission will not be given until after the rapture of the saints shall have taken place. Here one of the Living Creatures, acting in the capacity of an executive of the throne, is represented as giving permission.

### *II. The Second Seal*

Verses 3, 4. War. Red is the color of blood. It is distinctly stated concerning this Rider that "power was given to him . . . to take peace from the earth, and that they (i. e., the inhabitants of the earth) should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword." It is interesting to note the fact in these days, when the nations of Europe have begun a fratricidal conflict, that the earth's inhabitants cannot kill one another in war until permission is granted. God, who orders all things after the counsel of His own will, grants permission for nations to go to war only when He sees that through such terrible national or international throes His own divine will can be wrought out and His name glorified.

Antichrist will doubtless come in peaceably, but the peace that will be hailed by the world as the beginning of the golden age, under the dictatorship of the beast, will be of short duration. This war will doubtless exceed in its terrific character any war that has been waged, or is being waged.

### *III. The Third Seal*

Verses 5, 6. Famine. Famine usually follows in the wake of war. There was a terrible famine in Russia after the World War. Thousands perished. A writer who went through the country reported that he saw freight trains with flat cars that were stacked high with dead bodies that were being carted to a place where they were

piled in great heaps, oil poured over them, and then burned. The measure spoken of here contains a little more than a quart. The rider represents the conservator of food stuffs. Food stuffs are being conserved in Germany at the present time. There are certain kinds of food that the people are allowed to have only half of the usual portion. Under Antichrist a laboring man will be able to purchase with his day's wage only food enough to sustain his body; his wages will be insufficient to purchase food for his family; his family will have to provide their own food, or starve. This is the terrible picture that is here drawn by the inspired artist of the time of the end.

*(To Be Continued)*

## CURRENT DIGEST

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million dollars from the weakest and most wretched creatures of the underworld, the victims of the narcotic habit. One man or woman in every two thousand persons in the nation is caught in the coils of drug addiction."

## INTRODUCING . . .

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Bert Brown, June Garrard, Dorothy Dodge, Corinne Nelson, Gilbert F. Hoff, Velma Hoff Gurnsey, Charles Moore, Gwenyth Moore, Constance Moore, James Creighton, and Fern Robertson. In addition to these workers in the homeland the following are missionaries: Pearl Benjamin, Palestine; Inez Kreiss, India; Winne Kneeland, India; Lulu Ashmore, Singapore, Mary Rumsey, Korea.

Pastor Anderson is greatly encouraged by the healthy and substantial growth manifest in the church. Every department has seen a marked increase in numbers and spiritual life. A choir and orchestra have been organized. Last December a splendid five weeks' campaign held by Mrs. Genevieve Booth-Clibborn resulted in the salvation of several souls and the addition of some new members to the church roll. Recently the building was completely renovated with indirect lighting and other modern features installed and the building painted and needed improvements made.

Temple Church stands as a landmark in a city which perhaps has more Pentecostal churches per capita than any city in northern California.



## PRESENT CHALLENGE

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Then we are face to face with another situation, namely the loss of some of our fire and zeal. I would rather a thousand times go to extreme along some lines than to dry up. It was when we had so-called extremes that God worked among us. I want to go on record as saying that I have no mental reservations concerning this subject. I believe in the power of the Holy Spirit; I believe in men and women being slain by the power of God; I believe in the manifestations of the Holy Ghost. I would that the power of God might come upon us and sweep over us and through us just now. We are becoming too "nice." We are getting to be "just so." You tell me this morning that if we are too free in the Spirit we will drive folk away. But it is a sure thing that with our formality we are not getting folk in.

3. We are faced also with the fact that there are wars and fightings among us. Why? James 4:1 tells us that such came from our own lusts, our selfish wills, the desire to have our own way. It is easier to live in the flesh than in the Spirit. You have to fight to live in the Spirit, but there is no fight to live in the flesh. There is a law of sin in our members that causes us to prefer our will to the will of God.

This whole business is a matter of give and take. Everyone of us is under the authority of someone else. When someone says, "Bless God, no one is going to be over me," that displays ignorance of the Scriptures. The Word of God teaches that the younger are to submit to the elder, and all of us are to be subject one to another in the Lord. Furthermore, unfortunately in some of the assemblies there are some that cater to the party spirit, drawing off in little groups for prayer meetings. We are not cliques of twos and threes—we are ONE in Christ.

We have these terrible things we call splits. Some churches hardly get over one trouble until another comes along. A church never has a division but that somebody goes to hell. Some think the work of the District Superintendent is only the work of a trouble shooter; that he is to be kept busy running about trying to settle troubles. It seems that Barnabas might have been a district superintendent, but as in Acts 11:22-23, he was not sent to Antioch to settle difficulties, to hear tales, to stop squabbling; he went to Antioch

to observe their welfare in Christ, and when he arrived he found the grace of God among them, and "exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they should cleave unto the Lord." He saw the grace of God, and, rather than sitting up until past midnight to hear about the troubles in the church, he had fellowship with the saints of God at Antioch, went to bed happy and slept like a baby instead of lying awake for hours worrying about trouble-makers.

4. I think sometimes that we have been sidetracked in two ways. In the first place there seems to be among some a desire to be cantankerous about questions of no profit. The Word of God plainly teaches us to shun old wives' fables and endless genealogies and questions to no profit. It seems to me that we ought to avoid all unnecessary disputations, agreeing among ourselves that "in essentials we must have unity; in non-essentials, liberty; that in all things, charity." If someone does not agree with you, you need not become cantankerous or unpleasant with him. Remember, he's your brother!

Second, there is another way in which we "have missed the bus" as someone recently put it, and that is in regard to the concept we have about the purpose of our blessings. It seems to some that the only reason we get together is to get a blessing and to go away happy. That's all right but that doesn't go far enough. God said to Abraham, "Get thee out. . . I will bless thee, and thou shalt be a blessing." We are blessed in order to be a blessing to others.

Some are hiding their gift because they have been criticized. Some are hiding their gift because of mental uncertainty. We are a richly endowed people. We who are blessed and gifted must use these endowments in definite service or else we shall find ourselves as those who are "all dressed up and no place to go."

Many have lost their vision, having lapsed largely into a state of inertia. I am not indicating us all but it is so in many cases; we have become lazy. The result is that certain other Pentecostal movements are coming into some of our towns and they, having more zeal, fire, and passion for souls than we have in some cases some of our people are drifting into these other movements. There is no necessity for these people to leave our assemblies and go elsewhere. God has blessed us; we believe in a full gospel message and ministry. Let

us awake from slumber and arouse ourselves to a fresh seeking after God. He come and revive us again. We can profit even from the situation I have described if we are willing to do so. Just fighting competition will not solve our problem.

III. How shall we meet the present challenge?

1. We must be willing to open our eyes and face facts as they really are. There are also some who substitute wishful thinking for reality. Ostrich tactics won't do any good. Some of us like the legend of the ostrich, bury our heads to hide from facts.

2. We need to stir ourselves out of our lethargy and inertia. Some say the Holy Ghost has to do that, but that is not according to the Bible. God looked down and saw His people indolent and said, "There is none that calleth upon Thy name, that stirreth up himself to take heed of Thee."

3. We need to get away from misplaced emphasis concerning our blessings. There must be service-centered instead of self-centered. Only then can the purpose for which they are given be realized.

4. I believe there needs to come among us a will for unity; that there be no squabbling about things that do not really matter among the brethren in the ministry.

5. We can make the party spirit and cliques unpopular among us by keeping the objective of unity before us. By our spirituality we can condemn the trouble-maker and make him unpopular among us. Let me illustrate: We are a modest people. If a Pentecostal sister should come into the tabernacle with her dress above her knees and cut so low as to be immoral, painted up, and plucked up until she suggested a woman of the streets, there is so much of the Spirit of God among us here that such a person would feel so out of place that she would leave the camp ground. Likewise, the trouble-maker coming among us with his spirituality so emulated that he would feel uncomfortable utterly condemned by the very atmosphere of unity generated by spiritual people.

6. We must get back on the mainline of full gospel evangelism; to the precious truths of Christ for the body and the body for the Lord; also the truth of the absolute necessity of the Spirit-filled life and experience. Regarding the coming of the Lord we need to arouse ourselves and again



hfully declare, "Behold, the Bride-  
om cometh!"

I believe that God would have us re-  
a to our first love through the revival  
the spirit of prayer among us. It is not  
ugh for the preacher to talk on prayer  
get you down to the front to pray  
ile, but it is necessary that you establish  
family altar in your home. If the father  
not saved, it is your duty, mother, to  
her the children around you daily for  
reading of the Word and prayer.

There are two reasons why we have  
many backsliders. Too many have been  
ng by feeling instead of by faith. Feel-  
s have their place but we must learn to  
k by faith. The Word of God says,  
he just shall live by faith." They that  
their trust in Him shall never be con-  
nded, feelings or no feelings.

We will help to solve the backsliding  
blem by not making it popular by talk-  
so much about it. It is possible to talk  
into popularity. Paul said, "We are  
suaded better things of you," and again,  
We are not of them that turn back." We  
isters should teach our people concern-  
their present standing, privileges, in-  
itance, and security in Christ. The  
ripture says, "Neither death, nor life,  
angels, nor principalities, nor powers,  
things present, nor things to come,  
height, nor depth, nor any other crea-  
e shall be able to separate us from the  
e of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our  
d."

I believe that we need to return to  
nitive methods of evangelism in order to  
ld up our churches; that is, every mem-  
of the church should be a witness for  
rist. The body of believers in Jerusa-  
were scattered because of persecution.  
ey, the believers (not only the preach-  
, went everywhere preaching the Word.  
ey didn't have any papers. I hope that  
will get away from the idea that we  
e to have papers to witness for Christ.

0. Finally, let us come to the place in  
own hearts where we are utterly de-  
ndent on God alone, not on our talents,  
our knowledge, or attainments, but only  
the Lord. Let us eschew everything  
savors of worldly methods, everything  
t is done for effect, everything that has  
t the objective of self-aggrandizement.

et us be in absolute submission to God.  
s "not by might, nor by power, but by  
spirit, saith the Lord."

## WHO ARE THE MEEK?

A missionary in Jamaica was questioning  
the little black boys on Matt. 5:5 and  
asked, "Who are the meek?" A boy an-  
swered, "Those who give soft answers to  
rough questions." This accords with what  
Solomon says, "A soft answer turneth  
away wrath; but grievous words stir up  
anger." (Prov. 15:1).

## CONSCIENTIOUS

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he differs, frankness, and humility. He  
can overcome the inclination to be self-  
centered and can show an interest in the for-  
tunes of his fellows. He can be firm in  
his convictions without being offensive to  
the man who cannot agree with his point  
of view. He can endure abuse without be-  
coming abusive. To those who are reason-  
able he can set forth his reasons."

Should one be conscripted he may be  
sure that his position will be tested. Able  
arguments will be presented to convince  
him that it is his duty to take up arms.  
It may be that he will suffer at the hands  
of others until they are convinced that he  
is conscientious and not merely a "slacker."

It is important that one know how to  
speak as well as to act during a time of  
war. According to the Espionage Act of  
June 15, 1917, "Whoever, when the United  
States is at war, shall wilfully make or con-  
vey false reports or false statements with  
intent to interfere with the operation or  
success of the military or naval forces of  
the United States or to promote the success  
of its enemies and whoever, when the  
United States is at war, shall wilfully cause  
or attempt to cause insubordination, dis-  
loyalty, mutiny, or refusal of duty, in the  
military or naval forces of the United  
States, or who shall wilfully obstruct the  
recruiting or enlistment service of the  
United States, to the injury of the service  
of the United States, shall be punished by  
a fine of not more than (sic) \$10,000 or  
imprisonment for not more than twenty  
years or both."

Whatever may be the individual decision  
of the conscientious objector he must re-  
member that none of us can entirely avoid  
being a part of the war program if war  
comes. Surely he would not wish, in the  
interest of showing his aversion to war, to  
become an obstructionist to the successes of  
his own nation, and thus a helper to the  
enemy. His decision is so serious that now,  
before the war fever is abroad, he ought

## FIFTH COLUMN

(Continued from page 4)

Characteristically enough, our day has  
paralleled Elijah's. Christendom has its  
prophets of Baal today. Let our courage  
also parallel his, and we shall by earnest  
prayer, consecrated life, and consistent tes-  
timony push the battle to the gates. In a  
world of denominational sameness let us  
withstand the fifth column of compromis-  
ers who would sabotage Acts 2:4, and cling  
tenaciously to our testimony.—BARTLETT  
PETERSON, C. A. President, North Central  
District.

## COUNCIL

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Friday afternoon the session in the tent  
was dispensed with in order that all might  
be in the tabernacle for the memorial serv-  
ice for those of our number who have gone  
to be with the Lord since the last camp  
meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer spoke  
of his labors with Brother Thommen.  
Brother Max Freimark brought the me-  
morial sermon, speaking from 2 Tim.  
4:6-8.

The ordination service was held Friday  
evening before a large crowd in the taber-  
nacle at which time twenty-one were or-  
dained to the full gospel ministry. Brother  
J. Narver Gortner brought the ordination  
message, taking his text from 2 Cor.  
11:16-33, Col. 1:7 and 4:12, pointing to  
Epaphras as the model minister, a faithful  
minister, laboring fervently in prayer that  
those to whom he ministered "may stand  
perfect and complete in the will of God."  
After the message each one to be ordained  
came forward when the name was called  
and knelt at a low stand on which was  
placed an open Bible. The District Super-  
intendent with the Secretary-Treasurer  
and the District presbyters, laid hands on  
each candidate and gave the charge to the  
ordained ministry. As each was so ordained  
he left the platform and took his place  
at the altar and there remained in prayer  
until all had been ordained.

As the service closed, all rose in prayer  
and praise, and the 1940 District Council  
ended in a deluge of glory and blessing.—  
R. J. THURMOND, Secretary-Treasurer.

prayerfully and scripturally to determine  
the position that he feels God would have  
him take were he called to serve. Then let  
him stand by his convictions in the spirit  
of meekness.



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widow hath cast more in, than all  
they which have cast into the trea-  
sury:

44 For all they did cast in of their  
abundance; but she of her want did  
cast in all that she had, *ever* all her  
living.

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